(b) whether any representations have been received by Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) Pre and exit polls are a regular feature in democratic countries like the UK & USA. These are being held regularly and publicised. Election Commission of India had earlier laid down guidelines for publication and dissemination of results of opinion polls/exit polls in January, 1998 during General Election to Lok Sabha and certain Legislative Assemblies in 1998-99. However, these guidelines were withdrawn by Election Commission of India in September, 1999.

Coverage of AIR/DD

4154. Dr A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of coverage of AIR and Doordarshan in every State as on date;

(b) the year by which the entire country would be provided with hundred per cent coverage of AIR and Doordarshan; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Details of State-wise Doordarshan and All India Radio coverage are given at the Statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) Doordarshan and All India Radio coverage is available in satellite mode throughout the country. In terrestrial mode, TV coverage is presently estimated to be available to about 89.6% population of the country (including the population in fringe areas) and in respect of All India Radio, it is estimated to be available to about 98.8% population. This is expected to increase to 91.3% in respect of Doordarshan and about 99.03% in respect of AIR on commissioning of the on-going transmitter projects. It will be the endeavour of the Government to provide adequate funds for further expansion of coverage during 10th plan. Alternative technology options have also been included to provide coverage to hitherto uncovered areas.

Statement

Details of State-wise Doordarshan and AIR coverage

Sl. No.	State/UT	TV Coverage % Population	Radio Coverage % Population
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	88.9	99.5
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	53.3	72.0
3.	Assam	82.8	97.5
4.	Bihar	93.4	99.0
5.	Chhattisgarh	69.8	95.1
6.	Goa	99.9	99.0
7.	Gujarat	86.0	99.0
8.	Haryana	98.7	99.0
9.	Himachal Pradesh	67.3	87.4
10.	Jharkhand	97.4	99.0
11.	Jammu and Kashmir	91.9	98.0
12.	Karnataka	76.2	96.8
13.	Kerala	99.2	99.6
14.	Madhya Pradesh	76.5	98.7
15.	Maharashtra	88.6	98.8
16.	Manipur	69.1	80.4
17.	Meghalaya	97.2	97.3
18.	Mizoram	73.1	67.9
19.	Nagaland	69.7	82.5
20.	Orissa	93.3	98.8
21.	Punjab	99.9	99.0
22.	Rajasthan	78.1	98.8
23.	Sikkim	95.0	95.0
24.	Tamil Nadu	93.5	99.0
25.	Tripura	93.5	88.0
26.	Uttar Pradesh	96.2	99.7
27.	Uttaranchal	80.4	75.7
28.	West Bengal	96.2	99.0
29.	A and N Islands	96.8	85.0
30.	Chandigarh	99.9	99.0
31.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	65.0	99.0
32.	Daman and Diu	99.9	99.0
33.	Delhi	99.9	99.0
34.	Lakshadweep Islands	99.9	99.0
35.	Pondicherry	99.9	99.0
	National Average	**89.3**	**98.8**